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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!!

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26/12/2008: Look for Mike, CT1IUA to be active December 26-31st as homecall/p from the Serra da Malcata Natural Reserve (DPRN reference FF-23 for the Diploma of Natural Parks and Reserves, WFF reference CTFF-023). QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. [DPRN]

26/12/2008: Operators Toze/CT1GFK and Mike/CT1IUA will be QRV as CT7FFE from the Natural Park da Serra da Estrela (DPRN FF-08, WFF CTFF-008), December 26-27th. QSL via CT1IUA, direct or bureau. All information about DPRN can be find at: dprn.no.sapo.pt/dprn_eng.htm [CT1GFK]

26/12/2008: Jouni/OH4KZM and Jukka/OH4MFA will be active as OH4JT/1 from Kustavi Island (EU-096), December 26-30th, including a Multi-Op entry in the Stew-Perry Topband Challenge. QRV 160-10m, mainly CW. QSL via OH4MFA, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at: personal.inet.fi/surf/oh4mfa/oh4jt-1.htm [rsgbiota.org]

26/12/2008: An official amateur call sign OP0LE is assigned to Princess Elizabeth base (IOTA AN-016, 71°57'S and 23°20'E). Paul, ON3PC will be operating from the base between December 26, 2008 and February 15, 2009. He will be working at the base as a plumber boiler-mechanic and he will be in charge of the communications in supplement. He never made any qso on amateur radio frequencies and he should appear mostly at the begining on the Antarctic DX Net that is managed on 14MHz and 7MHz. After 40 years of silence, Belgium is back on air from Antarctica. [F5PFP]

26/12/2008: Larry, W00Z will be active holiday-style as PJ4/W00Z from the island of Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) between December 26, 2008 and January 4, 2009. He will focus on 30 and 17 meters, using all modes. QSL via W00Z (whiskey oscar zero zulu). [NG3K]

26/12/2008: Phil, F4EGS will be active from Abidjan, Ivory Coast, using the call sign TU8/F4EYS from December 26, 2008 to February 28, 2009. QRV on all bands, with focus on 160 and 80 meters, using CW and RTTY. QSL via F4EGS, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

27/12/2008: Rolf, DK2ZF will be QRV as OZ/DK2ZF on 50MHz and 144MHz meter scatter from Grid J045 between December 27, 2008 and January 6, 2009. QSL via home call. [DL8EBW]

28/12/2008: Operators Toze/CT1GFK and Mike/CT1IUA will be QRV as CT7FFT from the Natural Park do Tejo Internacional (DPRN FF-13, WFF CTFF-013), December 28-29th. QSL via CT1GFK, direct or bureau. All information about DPRN can be find at: dprn.no.sapo.pt/dprn_eng.htm [CT1GFK]

28/12/2008: Makoto/JI5RPT (JD1BLY) and Harry/JG7PSJ (JD1BMH) will be active from Chichi-Jima (JIJA AS-031-003), JD1 Ogasawara Islands (AS-031), between December 28th and January 2nd (2009). Activity will be on 160-6m (mainly low bands), using satellites, CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via their home call signs. For more details see: www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/ and sapphire.ganko.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/ [OPDX Bulletin]

28/12/2008: Father and son team Gary/W2VQ and Paul/WQ2N will be operating from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA LH-1042) as ZF2VQ and ZF2NN respectively from December 28, 2008 to January 3, 2009. Look for them on 160-6m using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will not be on for the ARRL RTTY Round Up as they have an early flight out on the third. They will have beams, verticals and dipoles and will be running 100 watts, with an emphasis on Europe and Asia. QSL

via their home calls. [MMMonVHF]

29/12/2008: Peter, VE3IKV will be active as W4/VA3RA from Sanibel Island (NA-069, USi FL-021S, WLOTA LH-2044, Lee County), Florida, from December 29, 2008 to January 3, 2009. QRV primarily CW on 40 and 20 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [rsgebiota.org]

30/12/2008: Operators Toze/CT1GFK and Mike/CT1IUA will be QRV as CT7FFM from the Natural Reserve da Serra da Malcata (DPRN FF-23, WWF CTFF-023), December 30, 2008 to January 2, 2009. QSL via CT1IUA, direct or bureau. All information about DPRN can be find at: dprn.no.sapo.pt/dprn_eng.htm [CT1GFK]

31/12/2008: The expedition to St. Martin's Island (AS-127, WLOTA LH-2351), Bangladesh, is scheduled to take place December 31, 2008 to January 10, 2009 (begin and end dates uncertain). The operators will be Rabby/S21RC, Manju/S21AM, Lal/S21DM and Sohel/S21S, and they plan to be active on 80-10 meter SSB and RTTY (sorry - no 30 meters). QSL via EB7DX, direct only. Further information can be found at: s2iota.eb7dx.com/ [NG3K]

2009 -

01/01/2009: A license has been granted to an Italian team and the period of their first activity will be from January 1-11th. The call sign released is E44M and it covers from 160 meters to 2 meters SSB, CW, RTTY and all digital modes with a maximum power of 1KW. They will have 3 stations active with beams, verticals and wire antennas. The team includes the following 6 members: Vinicio/IK2CIO, Simone/IZ0BTB, Aurelio/IZ0EGM, Giorgio/IZ4AKS, Massimo/IZ4DPV, Pasquale/IZ8IYX and Leszek/SP3DOI. They will focus their activity to RTTY and other digital modes, low and WARC bands, giving attention to stations outside Europe, when the propagation will allow it. Pilot stations will be announced later. QSL manager is IZ0BTB and he will answer via direct (Simone Bizzarri, P.O. Box 51, Grottaferrata 00046 (Roma), ITALY), bureau and LoTW in reasonable time. More news in the next few weeks. A website has been setup at: www.dxcoffee.com/e44m/ [NG3K]

02/01/2009: Between January 2-9th, six members of the Cambridge University Wireless Society will operate SSB and CW as ZD8UW from Ascension Island (AF-003) on the HF bands. Expedition members will be Hugo/M0HSW, Tom/M0TJH, Simon/G4EAG, Michael/G7VJR, Gordon/G3USR and Martin/G3ZAY. QSL via G7VJR. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [425 DX News]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

15/01/2009: Special event station 8N8TKS will be aired from the middle of January until May 24th for the 51st JARL Annual General Meeting in Kushiro(-city): "Tancho (or Japanese Crane) Kushiro(-city) Sokai (or General Meeting)" Kushiro-city is famous for Japanese crane. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

19/01/2009: Operators Antonio/CU8AS, Ruedi/HB9CQL and Hermann HB9CRV (CT3FN) will be active from the Albarnaz lighthouse (DFP FAZ-02, ARLHS AZO-016, TWLHD WLH CU-008), Flores Island (DIP AZ-008, WLOTA LH-0947), Azores (EU-089) from January 19-23rd. QRV mainly on the low bands with CW and RTTY, using the special call CU8W. QSL via CT1GFK, bureau OK; via email to cu8at at sapo dot pt [CT1END]

01/03/2009: Special event station 8N1MOMO will be aired from March 1st to April 5th to celebrate the 33rd Koga(-city) Momo (or Peach) Festival and the 16th Koga(-city) Fire Balloon Contest. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

25/12/2008: The Mexican Contest and DX group, will use for its 4th anniversary the special call sign 4A1DXXE, between December 25, 2008 until January 6, 2009. QSOs with this station are good for the DXXE Award. QRV 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL v?a N7R0 and LoTW. Further information at: www.dxxe.org/ [LU5FF]

26/12/2008: Terry, GM3WUX will be active as GB2HLB between December 26th and January 22nd. Activity is to celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of Louis Braille. Each QSO will receive a special QSL card depicting Braille and raising awareness of the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB). A fund raising page for RNIB can be found at:
www.justgiving.com/louisbraille [OPDX Bulletin]

26/12/2008: Members of the Old Barney Amateur Radio Club (www.obarc.org/) will be operating as N2OB/150 (or N2OB/LH) starting at 0000 UTC December 27, 2008 through 2359 UTC January 4, 2009. Operation will be on all bands and modes available. This will be to celebrate the relighting and the 150th anniversary of the Barnegat lighthouse (nicknamed "Old Barney"). Yes, "Old Barney" will officially be relit on January 1, 2009, which is the 150th anniversary of it's original lighting (January 1, 1859). The lighthouse was officially shut down in 1944 and became a State Park in 1957. Since that time, only a 250 watt light was lit for aesthetics only. On January 1st, a new light with a new fresnel lens will be lighted and Old Barney will once again be an official (private) navigational aid. See www.southjersey.com/articles/?articleid=19695 for info on the relighting. N2OB/150 stations will be operating from various locations around "Ocean County". Some operations from the lighthouse property may be possible and will use N2OB/LH which will count for working the lighthouse and IOTA NA-111. A nice colour photo QSL is being planned showing the relighting of the lighthouse. QSL via N2OB (SASE requested) or via bureau is ok. [N200]

29/12/2008: To commemorate the 4th International Polar year, Fran?ois, F8DVD will sign TM4IPY (WAP 084) from December 29th, 2008 until January 11th, 2009. Activity from 10 to 30m, CW, SSB and digitals. Special QSL card with a Concordia Antarctic base picture, via the French bureau or direct (SAE + postage) to: F8DVD Fran?ois Bergez, 6, rue de la Libert?, 71000 Macon, France. [F5NQL]

2009 -

01/01/2009: Special event station DR09ANT (WAP-156) with 'DOK IPY' will be aired from January 1st to December 31st, from various stations located in Oberbayern (Upper Bavaria), Germany, to celebrate International Polar Year. DR09ANT (WAP-156) will also be QRV for the 6th Antarctic Activity Week (AAW) February 16-22nd. QSL via DL5MHQ, direct or by the DARC Bureau. [DL8FA]

01/01/2009: Special event stations 8N3I70A (Fixed) and 8N3I (Mobile) will be active from the beginning of January, 2009 until March 31, 2010 to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Ikeda-city. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/01/2009: SKCC Dutch member Jan, PA3CLQ had been granted to use the special call sign PH6SKCC, from January 1-28th. For SKCC awards his membership number is: 2765. Look for him mainly on 40 and 80m CW. QSL via operator's instructions. [F5NQL]

01/01/2009: To celebrate his 80th anniversary, the Swiss National Ham Society (USKA) has granted all Swiss amateurs the use of the Prefixes HE8 and HB8 during the entire year of 2009. HE8 instead of HB9 and HB8 instead of HB3. These prefixes are valid only from the Swiss territory. No foreign activities are allowed and thus no Entity/HE8 or HE8 is possible. [F5NQL]

01/01/2009: In January 2009, the Straight Key Century Club (SKCC) will be celebrating their 3rd Anniversary with a month long special event using the call sign K3Y. Web pages for the event with all the information can be found at: www.skccgroup.com/k3y/ [SKCC]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

24/12-29/12 9M6QQ: Borneo Island (Sabah) WLOTA:0119 QSL DF5UG (b)
24/12-5/1/09 JI3DST/JS6: Miyako Shima WLOTA:0249 HC (d/b)
24/12-5/1/09 JS6RRR/JS6: Miyako Shima WLOTA:0249 HC (d/b)
24/12-31/12 KP2/NY6X St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL HC (d/b)
26/12-4/1/09 PJ4/W00Z: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL W00Z (d/b)

27/12-28/12 TC1KLH: Karaburun WLOL:TUR-036 QSL TA1HZ (d)
28/12-6/1/09 VK6/JA6REX: Australia - Main Island WLOTA:1520 QSL HC (d/b)
28/12-03/01 ZF2NN: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL WQ2N (d/b)
28/12-03/01 ZF2VQ: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL W2VQ (d/b)
29/12-3/1/09 W4/VA3RA: Sanibel Island WLOTA:2044 QSL VE3IKV (d/b)
31/12-2/1/09 9M8QQ: Borneo Island (Sabah) WLOTA:0119 QSL DF5UG (b)
End of Dec. S21XXX: St. Martin's Island WLH:S2-002, WLOL:BAN-006 WLOTA:2351, Admiralty F1057
QSL TBA

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SIX METERS & UP -

17/12-17/4/09 VQ9JC: Diego Garcia (AF-006) Satellite A0-51, S0-50, etc. QSL ND9M (d/b)
18/12-31/12 VQ98JC: Diego Garcia (AF-006) Satellite A0-51, S0-50, etc. QSL ND9M (d/b)
24/12-31/12 KP2/NY6X: St. Croix island, USVI NA-106 6M Grid:FK77PR KLM-11ele 1kW QSL HC (d/b)
25/12-6/1/09 4A1DXXE: Mexico special event 6M CW/SSB QSL N7R0/LoTW
27/12 K1EP: RAC Winter Contest 6M Grid:FN42LN low power
27/12 K1VU: RAC Winter Contest 6M Grid:FN42MA
27/12 VE6CPP: RAC Winter Contest 6M Grid:DN39OR 150w 4el SSB/CW
28/12-3/1/09 JD1BLY: Chichi-Jima AS-031 100W 6M QSL HC (d/b)
28/12-3/1/09 JD1BMH: Chichi-Jima AS-031 100W 6M QSL HC (d/b)
28/12-3/1/09 ZF2NN: Grand Cayman 6M Grid:EK99IG 100W 6 element yagi QSL WQ2N
28/12-3/1/09 ZF2VQ: Grand Cayman 6M Grid:EK99IG 100W 6 element yagi QSL W2VQ

2009 -

01/01-28/02 CG30IJ: International Year of Astronomy 6m-70cm Grid:FN25EJ QSL VE30IJ (d/b)

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N80FS at:
<http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt> (Updated December 21, 2008)

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QSL INFO -

QSLs received Bureau - 3DA0FOC, 3G4PHG, 9X0Z, BD7KLO/7 [AS-131], CE2GLR, HB0/DL7JAN, J6/DL7AFS, J3/DL7VOG, JI1NJC/VP9, JT1DN, OJ1AB0A, OZ/DL1ANT/p [EU-088], PJ7/DG5XJ [NA-105], PT7AZ, PY0/EA2RC [SA-003], PY2OMS, RK1B/p [EU-133], S79UU, SV1/SP1IXI/p, UA2AB, V5/DJ4S0, V55V/p, VP2VVV, XQ3BRN, XR80IARU, YU8/LZ1BJ, YV6BTF and ZL7/SP5EAQ.

QSLs received Direct - 3C7Y (via EA5BYP), 5U5U (via Direct), 8Q7FD (via Direct), 9L1X (via I2YSB), 9M2AX (via Direct), BG7JSQ (via Direct), BT10B (via BA4EG), BT10H (via BA4EG), BT10J (via BA4EG), BT10N (via BA4EG), BT10Y (via BA4EG), EL2DX (via Direct), KP2M (via AI4U), OH1VR/VP9 (via OH1VR), OJ0J (via OH0RJ), P29NI [OC-041] (via G3KHZ), P29NI [OC-181] (via SM6CVX), PJ7/K2GSJ (via K2GSJ), R1ANR (via RZ3BJ), V44KAI (via K2SB), VP9KF (via QRZ.com), VU7SJ (via DL9GFB) and XW1B (via E21EIC).

QSLs received LoTW - 3Z0MSP0, 40/K1ZZ, 5B4RPC, 5Z4LS, 6V7F, 8Q7SC, 9V1CW, A43DLH, A61AC, C4EURO, C6AKX, CQ2P, CS95A, CU/DJ9RR, CU3/CT1EEB, D4C, EA6NB, FG/F8CRS, H7/AJ9C, H44MY, H44T0, HC5WW, LX/DF3VM, LY70M, OZ/DJ9RR, PJ4/YL2GQT, PA7F, T08S, UN7ECA, VK9DWX, XE83IARU, YI1RAZ, YN2I and ZD8RH.

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BITS & PIECES -

V73NS - MARSHALL, Roi-Namur, Grid Square RJ39, - OC-028

Neil reports: Due to high surf and sea water over topping berms, the shack was flooded and the building damaged beyond repair. Water was just below desktop so much of my gear is intact. Setting up a station in my living quarters a.s.a.p. See photos at the bottom of this page
www.pbases.com/alwaysomewhere/marshall_islands [WD8CRT/V73NS]

MOUNT ATHOS

From Monk Apollo:

I would like to ask for your help in a problem that I confront. Recently, in the new regulations made by the Greek Ministry of Communications gave the SY prefix to Special call to anyone who wants it. Sadly the men at the Ministry do not understand the importance of the DXCC - Entity Mount Athos to the World of Amateur Radio.

Monk Apollo invites you to send an email to the Ministry yme@otenet.gr and ask them to reserve the prefix SY solely for the use of Mount Athos to eliminate any confusion of the DXCC Entity Mount Athos.

Thanks in advance for your assistance, from Mount Athos, the "Garden of Virgin Mary" I send you my best wishes.

God Bless you - Monk Apollo, SV2ASP

OH CONTEST/DX MEETING

The 14th annual meeting of the CCF (Contest Club Finland) and the OHDXF (OH DX Foundation, www.ohdx.fi/) will take place again onboard the Viking Line M/S Gabriella from January 16-18, 2009. The ferry is going from Helsinki via the Aland islands to Stockholm and return. More information can be found at: www.contestclubfinland.com/CCF/

RAEM INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

Year 2008 end is fast approaching meaning that the most memorable event for all true CW Operators is coming: "Ernst Krenkel Memorial" - International Contest RAEM. The uniqueness of the contest is in non-trivial number exchange that requires operators to show their true CW skills.

We invite you to participate in this exciting event. If you love CW please come on the air and support the contest. Even if you can't spend all of the 8 hours please consider making a part time effort - that will be greatly appreciated by all contest participants. Taking a part in the contest will be one more opportunity to pay tribute to the famous polar explorer/radio operator Ernst Krenkel. The Contest Committee is looking forward to receiving your log, that will help with more accurate scoring and decision on the contest winners.

The contest will take place from 02:00 till 09:59 UTC on the 28th of December 2008. The Contest Rules are available on SRR web site at

http://www.srr.ru/CONTEST/cup_raem_engl_08.php

Software supporting this contest:

TR4W: tr4w.qrz.ru/

N1MM Logger: www.n1mm.com/

AALog: www.dxsoft.com/aatest.zip

Your comments and photos are very welcome.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and see you in the contest.

73! RAEM Contest Committee

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NEW GACW WEBSITE

We invite You to take a look to our website, which has been modified, and now has a modern design.

73 and best regards

Ra?l/LU6EF

gacw.no-ip.org/ [DX-News]

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BULGARIA - HST CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

The Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs (BFRA) is pleased to invite High Speed Telegraphy (HST) teams, individual competitors and visitors/guests from all over the world to 8th World HST Championship to be held in Bulgaria from 11 to 15 September 2009. The Championship will be held in the town of Obzor, a well known Bulgarian vacation resort situated at the Black Sea coast. Further information can be found on their website at: www.hst2009.eu/ [UBA HF News]

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Henryk SP9JPA has created a "Blog" website which contains lots of good information and graphics. There is an excellent article about HF0APAS also. Please visit Henryk's Blog Site

at: <http://sp9jpa.blogspot.com/>

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ARCALA EXTREMES AT 0H8X Finishing the 160m 3el YAGI Monster

While 5 el on 80m is full size, 3 el on 160m is not. The element T-cross boom makes them somewhat shorter, 70M. Rotating tower; tower height 100m; 80M and 160M booms 60m; Five (5) 80M full-size elements... More at: www.ly4a.com/?p=2499 [ZL1TM]

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73 and Good DX!

Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ

Home of ICPO: <http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/>

Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations

Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html

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Canadian Checkpoint For:

All Croatian Islands Award - ACIA

All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG

The World Light House Diplom - TWLHD

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